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Hongkong, January 2, 1909.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

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EASTER MONDAY.

A GRAND TOURNAMENT for Am-
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weights, promoted by the Proprietor of the
Belle View Hotel, will take place on
EASTER MONDAY, the 28th instant,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The Tournament is open to all Amateur
Welter and Heavyweights in the Colony
and to be contested under Queensbury
Rules.

Entries will be received by the Under-
signed up to the 24th inst., at 10 p.m.

The Prizes are two handsome Silver Cups
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The trophies are on view at the Belle
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Hongkong, March 22, 1910.

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Hongkong, August 2, 1909.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of the Society will
be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 13th April, 1910, Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Di-
rectors together with the Statements of
Account to 31st December, 1909, and of
declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from 3rd April to the
13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 23, 1910.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of the Company will
be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 13th April, 1910, at 12.30 p.m., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Di-
rectors together with the Statements of
Account to 31st December, 1909, and of
declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 3rd April to
the 13th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
O. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 23, 1910.

THE ART OF THE HITITES.

The double-headed eagle that one sees
in the arms of Germany, Austria, and
Russia seems to have an ancient lineage
as any that can be claimed for a national
symbol. It goes back to the art of the
Hitites, that people of Biblical record who
stand as the most enticing of *fata morgana*
to religious archaeologists. This is not the
only feature of their art to be found in
more modern use. The claim is made by
Prof. Louis F. Picher, of Vassar College,
who writes in the January *Chautauquan*,
that the lion, used as a symbol in much
Italian architecture built by the Maso-
nics guilds known as the *Concine* masters, also
has its origin in the dim past of Hitite
architecture. Such at least is the im-
plication of Hitite remains.

These things, it is asserted, make us
look upon the Hitites as the "origina-
tors of an individual and vigorous art, the
effect of which has been lasting." It is even
maintained that art history must be re-
written in order to give credit to this
people for the earliest use, if not the in-
vention, of artistic elements that have be-
come lasting and wide-spread. They were
in fact, "the mediating influence between
Mesopotamia and Egypt in the East and
Greece, Etruria, and Rome in the West."

The Hitite reliefs at Boghaz-kou represent
the deities as being "supported by the
symbols of temporal and mystic power."
The lion, king of beasts, observes the writer,
"represented in the most satisfactory way
the idea of physical superiority." The
double-headed eagle presents "the idea of
supernatural control." We read: "As
the eagle, the monarch of birds, soars
above the head of man, even toward the
sun, so the deity that is believed to be the
master of the mysterious forces of the
heavens is pictured as supported by, not a
single, natural eagle, but by one with two
heads, endowed with the ability for wither-
ing experience from the past and fore-
casting the future, a pictograph of
omniscience."

The symbol was adopted by the Turko-
man princes, introduced in Europe by the
Crusaders, and became in time the emblem
of the emperors of Germany, Russia, and
Austria. The writer proceeds: "It is
interesting to note in this connection that
when the early Christians were developing
their iconography and desired to express
the significance of the various gospels in
pictorial form, they represented Mark as a
lion, because the story of Christ's life re-
lated by Mark laid especial emphasis upon
his earthly power. John, presenting the
spiritual character of the Saviour, is sym-
bolized as an eagle."

"The animal form once employed in
religious representation and expressing
the content of strength, it is likely that it
was early introduced in the columnar fabric.
It was appropriate to the imagery of the
builders and had a certain fierce decorative
value in a country where wild beasts were
common. The persistence of artistic tradi-
tion is well illustrated in the way this
curious form has been transmitted from
nation to nation, long ago having lost its
significance in imagery, but ever striking
in effect. The Assyrians carved it on their
decorative reliefs and the Etruscans
carried it to Italy. The portal of the
Romanesque cathedral at Verona exhibits
its employment in this transitional style,
in both the lower and upper colonnades
of the entrance broadly treated grotes-
ques support small Corinthianesque
columns. All through Northern and
Eastern Italy, during this period, this im-
ported Hitite motive was frequently used.

The designing of ecclesiastical furniture,
such as pulpits, provided an opportunity
for introducing this seemingly popular
theme. Typical of a number of Byzan-
tine-Romanesque examples is the very decor-
ative pulpit in the Cathedral at Ravenna
executed 1200 A.D. The realistic Southern
school of carving is responsible for the
lifelike rendering of the lions. The
tortoise (twisted columns) are re-
spondent with brilliant glass mosaic.
Inlays of mosaic of a guilloche pattern
embellish the parapet. This detail, as
well as the lectern eagle support and the
columns with the standing lion bases, was
of Hitite origin. The Prior's door of the
Cathedral, England, illustrated the intro-
duction of the Hitite column form into
English Norman work. The Prior's door
is a good example of that period of the
English Norman times which there was a
recrudescence of the Italianized Saxon of
Eastern England.

In Italy, again, the pulpit that Nicolas
Pisano carved for the Baptistry of Pisa
gave Renaissance expression to the ancient
Hitite theme.

The Hitites, it has been proved, used
the composition which employs the two
lions rampant facing to students from
the Gate of the Labyrinth at Mycenae.
The artist goes back into a remote past
for the origin of this motive: "The animals
are represented in low relief, standing
on either side of an engaged Minos
column, their fore legs resting upon a
high plinth. Phrygian reliefs at Arslan
Khis show the Mother Goddess between
rampant lions and at Ayanazca a colossal
carving represents two threatening lions,
their front paws resting upon the lintel of
the tomb entrance, as though on a plinth.
Between them rises a vertical engaged
shaft apparently crowned with a capital.
The absence of inscriptions renders the
dating of the work uncertain, but what is
significant is that the work exists in the
region that lay under Hitite domination
from 1500 to 800 B.C. and the assumption
is warranted that the form is a continuation
of a more ancient Hitite type which had
its origin in the naturalistic religion of that
people."

Archaeologists are on the continual
lookout for the discovery of a bilingual
inscription that will throw a light upon
Hitite literature of Egypt. The
researches of Professor Jensen have de-
monstrated with a good deal of certainty that
the modern Armenian is the survival of
the ancient Hitite tongue. For almost
everything that is known in the Hitite
language is Old Armenian in form.

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NOTICE.
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fication of 11th instant all MARINE IN-
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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 23, 1910.

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NOTICE.
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fication of 11th instant all FIRE IN-
SURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED
for public business on the following dates:
SATURDAY 26th.
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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 23, 1910.

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER
will be held at the HONGKONG
HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 2nd April,
1910, at 8 o'clock p.m.
Devonians wishing to attend are request-
ed to send their names to
M. R. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 18, 1910.

Intimations.

LEGAL.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
from and after Tuesday, the 23rd
March, 1910, the Office of the undersigned
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Hongkong, March 18, 1910.

NOTICE.

WE have this day appointed Mr.
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Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Tuesday, March 29.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc. at 'Dorinda,' Peak Road.

Wednesday, March 30.—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, etc. at No. 1, Hart Avenue,

Kowloon.

Monday, April 4.—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank

of China, Ltd. at Bank Office.

Wednesday, April 13.—

Noon.—Meeting of Union Insurance So-

ciety of Canton, Ltd. at Head Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Trade

Insurance Co., Ltd. at Head Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1910.

**MR. CANNON AND AMERICAN
POLITICS.**

THE SPEAKER of the American House of Representatives occupies a very different position in Congressional affairs than does the Speaker of the House of Commons in the party strife of England. The English Speaker, once he is elected to the chair, rises supreme above Party and is the neutral head of the House of Commons, holding the balance impartially between all the conflicting interests surrounding him. In the United States, however, the Speaker is the mouth-piece of the Party which elects him, and the Opposition gets scant justice at his hands. This will explain somewhat the telegrams which we printed the other evening, telling of a serious attempt which has been made by the House of Representatives to break the power of Mr. Speaker CANNON. From all accounts this gentleman, who is known familiarly from Maine to California as Uncle Joe, has really usurped the powers of the House over which he presides and has established himself as a veritable Czar. It is a strange spectacle in the land of so much boasted freedom. Yet there is no gainsaying the fact that some twenty-five members of Congress, including some half-dozen able Senators, are in open revolt against the Speaker's tyranny. They declare that if Mr. CANNON is to take unto himself the rights and privileges of the other 390 congressional districts in the country, he should be elected by the nation, and not by a handful of people along the border of Indiana in eastern Illinois. This action on the part of individual members of Congress is "insurgency," as the witty American journalists have dubbed the legitimate striving to recover lost rights. Now, as regards "Cannonism," it is worth remarking that Mr. Joseph Cannon did not make the rules that give him his authority. Three words slipped into the House rules, words that, probably intended to do no more than ensure decorum, have made him a veritable autocrat. Formerly,

the rules provided that when any member desired to speak or deliver any matter to the House he should rise and respectfully address himself to Mr. Speaker. Later on the rule was amended by adding the three words, "on being recognized." Of course, in the British Parliament and the Canadian Parliament a member has to be "recognized" by the Speaker. The member catches the Speaker's eye, rises and speaks. If two should rise at once, the Speaker will designate the member who has the floor. Should a member be persistently and deliberately ignored, his turn will come at the end of the debate, when the Speaker asks, "Is the House now ready for the question?" This is the opportunity which no British or Canadian Speaker can deprive a member of.

In the House of Representatives at Washington, however, "on being recognized" is no formality. The member rises, and the Speaker, instead of nodding to him, enquires, "For what purpose does the gentleman arise?" Before he can proceed to address his fellow-members, the gentleman is obliged to state his business. If it does not appear to the Speaker that this business is of importance he bungs his gavel on the desk, and the member is "out of order." There is no redress. Anyone who wants to come to the rescue has also to inform the Speaker of his object. Again the gavel will bang. He is out of order, too. In fact, it is not the member who is "recognized." It is his business that must be approved. That is what "on being recognized" has come to mean. The intention of the framers of the constitution was to make the Speaker the servant of the House. Three careless words have made him its master.

This power the Speaker exercises publicly; by it he can "squash" any obnoxious opponent. More deadly, however, is the authority he exercises privately. By virtue of his office the Speaker nominates the standing committees of the House and their chairmen. These committees do the real work of the House. No matter what subject comes up, it can be referred to one of the standing committees, or the Speaker can name a committee to deal with it. Naturally, Mr. CANNON sees that the important committees are composed of his friends. Through the chairman an obnoxious measure can be quietly smothered, without the Speaker having to assume the responsibility for the act. This, again, is the result of Cannonism. The "insurgents" could elect a new Speaker if they were only numerous enough. But being in the minority they are helpless. They claim that a great number of regular Republicans sympathize with them, and that gradually the number of avowed insurgents is increasing. Unless one of them should become President, or until old age shall cause the retirement of the present Speaker, their chances of finally overthrowing Cannonism appear to be remote, though, as our telegrams told us the other evening, Mr. CANNON by being eliminated from the Committee on Rules has suffered a severe defeat. President TAFT so far has supported Mr. CANNON for party reasons, and it is said that he cannot afford to throw him over. So the unedifying spectacle must continue for the life of the present administration, to the scandal of the whole nation and the amazement of outside peoples.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
J. Morteith \$5
Seven members of the First Aid Society held under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. were successful in passing the examination. Two members, Mr. Sykes and Mr. Moore, gained the St. John's Ambulance Medal.

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THE POSTPONED REGATTA.

The postponed regatta takes place at Fanwick's Reclamation Bay, View, on Saturday commencing at 1 p.m. The programme of events contains the following—Junior Four; 1.30 p.m. men-of-war gigs and whalers; 2 p.m. Senior Pair; 2.30 p.m. Nathan Challenge Cup; 3 p.m. Brown Challenge Cup; 3.15 p.m. Officers gigs and whalers; 4.45 p.m. Hongkong Challenge Cup; 4 p.m. Men-of-war Cutters; 4.30 p.m. Grims Four; 5 p.m. Junior Pair.

The sailing and motor events remain unaltered.
The Civil Service crew have scratched from the Nathan Challenge Cup, while the following additional crew has entered for the Junior Four—

Row—E. O. Gill st. lbs.
2—E. B. Reed 10.2
3—C. M. Albert 11.8
Stroke—L. Shields 12.12
Cox—A. J. Darby 10.5

NEWS OF THE DAY.

To-morrow being Good Friday there will be no issue of the China Mail.

The German Mail of the 23rd February was delivered in London on the 23rd March.

The boxing tournament has been postponed owing to the departure of R.M.S. Kent.

The silk per R.M.S. Montague from Hongkong on the 15th February arrived in New York on the 22nd March.

The Yacht Iola, belonging to Mr. Plant, the well known New York millionaire, returned to Hongkong this morning after her trip to Japan.

A lock of hair of Napoleon, cut by his servant on May 31, 1811, at the Hotel de Lorraine, Brussels, has been sold at Stevens' auction rooms for 16s.

Mr. Gershom Stewart, M. P., formerly of Hongkong, took his seat in the House of Commons before 9 a.m. on February 15. The sitting opened at 2 p.m.

There is to be a launch picnic run by the Wesleyan Church on Easter Monday, to Seaton. Launches will leave Arsenal Street pier at 1.30 p.m., and tickets (including tea) can be obtained at 75 cents each.

In the Court of Session at Edinburgh the soap firm of Ogston and Tennant has been awarded £9,000 damages against the Daily Record of Glasgow, and £4,500 against the Daily Record's associated newspapers of London in connection with the libels in October, 1906.

There will be a service on Good Friday at the Wesleyan Church commencing at 10.15 a.m. The Rev. J. A. A. Baker will preach and the annual tea will be held at 6 p.m., public meeting at 7.15 p.m. At the latter the Chairman will be Mr. Makinham, and the speakers Capt. Mackenzie, R.S.A., and Rev. J. A. A. Baker.

It is said that Japanese servants are to be imported to meet the ever-increasing demand for them in England, and as the Anglo-Japanese Exhibition is to be held this year at the White City, there is every possibility that a great many handmaids from the Far East will be led to follow their compatriots to London.

In November last, Charles Henry Irving obtained in the King's Bench Division a verdict for £1,000 against Samuel Murphy Bodie, better known by his stage name, Dr. Walford Bodie. Bodie appealed against the verdict, and the Master of the Rolls, in dismissing the appeal, described the defendant as a swindler and an ignorant, unscrupulous quack.

The Rev. Father P. Gabardi, M. A., the Rector of the R.C. Cathedral has taken ill and is at the "Calvaire," Wong nei-chung, for treatment. He will leave for Milan, his native place, for a change and possibly he may be away for one year. He will be greatly missed by the Catholic Community, especially the Portuguese, with whom he is a true friend. His speedy recovery is wished for by the whole community.

The Secretary of the American Navy has cabled to Cavite that the armoured cruiser New York, of the Atlantic fleet, will be dispatched to Manila for assignment to the Asiatic fleet, on April 1. She will arrive at Manila via Suez about June 1, reaching Singapore about a week earlier, and will relieve the Charleston as the flagship of Rear Admiral John Hubbard, who is in command of the Asiatic Squadron. It is understood by naval men on the Asiatic station that the Navy Department will considerably increase the American fleet in these waters.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Deaths recently reported in the English papers include the Ven. Bishop of Lincoln and Earl Camrath, a Scottish representative peer.

Prince Tai Hsiao, who is to visit Europe for the ostensible purpose of inquiring into military affairs, will cross the Pacific in the T. K. K. liner Chiyu Maru.

Bro. John Gould, who has been Tyler of the Masonic lodge in Shanghai for over twenty years, is going home on leave, and the occasion has been taken to present him with a handsome cheque on behalf of the whole fraternity there.

THE WRECK OF THE
TAISHAN.

Details of the Disaster.

We are now able to furnish our readers with some details of the disaster to the a.s. Taishan, which had the misfortune to strike the Sul Rocks on Tuesday morning.

Capt. Liang arrived from Swatow by the a.s. Haiyang this morning and confirmed our surmise that the disaster was due to a very thick fog prevailing at the time. The accident occurred early on Tuesday morning, and the crew, with the exception of the chief officer, who was despatched to Swatow for assistance at about 11 a.m., remained on board for the greater part of the day. A launch was despatched from Swatow to the assistance of the ill-fated steamer, and arrived, with the chief officer on board, just in time to save the crew; who had by this time taken to the ship's boats, the steamer having just before broken her back.

Three of the boats had left Swatow by the time that the launch appeared on the scene, and Capt. Liang reports that when he left Swatow all had turned up with the exception of one boatload of five, all Chinese, who were in charge of the quarter-master. No anxiety, however, is felt for these as the boat was a big one, in capital condition, and the weather was not so bad. It is thought that the strong tide running simply delayed the boat.

The salvage steamer "Protector" left at noon yesterday for the scene of the wreck, but this was before the news had been received that the steamer was not lost, but was not yet returned but it is not expected that she will be able to do anything.

OPIUM DIVAN PROSECUTION.

Interesting Case.

The first case of keeping an opium divan since the closing of the public opium dens at the end of February came up at the Magistrate's court yesterday before Mr. E. B. Halliday. There were no less than 46 defendants, two of whom were charged with illegally keeping a divan and the remainder with smoking therein.

The prosecution was taken up by the new Opium Ordinance, which defines a divan as a "lay house, ship, room or other place (1) used for the sale of prepared opium or cross opium to be smoked on the premises, or (2) used for the smoking of prepared opium or cross opium where a fee or its equivalent is charged. The first defendant, charged as one of the keepers, said he used to keep an opium divan, he had the opium habit and he still kept a divan.

His Worship—What do you mean; do you sell opium there?

Defendant—No.

The second defendant, who was also charged as a keeper, said he was only employed there.

The remaining 44 defendants admitted their guilt.

His Worship (to first defendant)—You are selling opium?

Defendant—Yes.

Did all these people bring their own opium, then? They went out and bought the opium.

Is anybody allowed to come to your divan and smoke there for nothing?—I took no money. They said they had no place to smoke so I allowed them to smoke.

A coolie called to give evidence said that last night he went to smoke opium at 43, Gage Street, having bought five cents' worth of opium.

His Worship—Where did you buy it?

Not in the house?—No.

Proceeding, witness said the first defendant collected two cents from him and then he went and had a smoke, the second defendant serving him with a lamp.

His Worship—Was he sent to do this?

Serjt. Watt—Yes, your Worship.

As a matter of fact, he was given a marked five-cent piece.

Witness went on to say he gave the five-cent piece to the first defendant, who gave him change.

Did you get anything else served to you?—Yes, a pipe.

Did you see anybody else paying?—Yes. How much did they pay?—Also two cents.

What was No. 2 doing?—He served out lamps and pipes to me and other people to smoke.

Asked if he had any questions to put, the first defendant said witness came in and forced him to serve him with a lamp.

His Worship—How did you throw the five-cent piece down and said it would pay for the oil?

The second defendant said that witness came in and said "the habit is just coming on and I cannot get it off."

Witness said he would give him (defendant) several cents for a smoke.

Another coolie was called and gave similar evidence to that of the first.

Serjt. Watt spoke to visiting the place? The first defendant was sitting just inside the door, behind a table, the drawer of which was half open. Inside the drawer witness found the two marked five-cent pieces, and other money. All the defendants were present and over 20 of them actually smoking. In the cupboard witness found the notice notifying the first defendant that his divan was to be shut down after the end of February. According to sanitary requirements the place was only to accommodate seven persons, but the room was simply packed. It was fitted out as a divan.

His Worship asked the first defendant to explain the presence of so many pipes in the divan.

Defendant—I had this opium habit and I used one of the pipes and sometimes some coolies would come in and when they had the habit I allowed them to come in to smoke.

His Worship (to Serjt. Watt)—He is an old divan keeper, is he not?

Serjt. Watt—He is, your Worship. He had a license before.

His Worship—And he is continuing in the same divan?

Serjt. Watt—Yes, your Worship.

His Worship found all the defendants guilty. He fined the first \$50, or six weeks' labour; the second \$10 or 14 days; and the rest \$5 each or ten days, all the opium-smoking implements to be forfeited.

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LORDS' HEREDITARY
RIGHT.

UPPER CHAMBER FAVOURS
ABOLITION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, March 23.

Lord Rosebery's remaining resolution, aiming at the abolition of the hereditary right of Peers to sit in the Upper Chamber, has been carried by 175 votes to 17 in the House of Lords.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

LATEST PROGRAMME.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, March 23.

The United States Naval Appropriation Bill authorizes the expenditure of 129 million dollars (gold), on the construction of two battleships, a repairing ship, two cruisers and five submarines.

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD WON EASILY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, March 24.

Oxford won the Boat Race by three lengths.

(Note.—There have now been 67 races rowed, Oxford winning 36 and Cambridge 30, while there was a dead heat in 1877. The wins for the past ten years have been:—

Year	Winner	Lengths
1900	Cambridge	18 47 50 lengths.
1901	Oxford	23 31 3-5 lengths.
1902	Cambridge	19 9 5 lengths.
1903	Cambridge	19 35 6 lengths.
1904	Cambridge	21 37 4 lengths.
1905	Oxford	20 35 3 lengths.
1906	Cambridge	19 24 3 lengths.
1907	Cambridge	20 26 4 lengths.
1908	Cambridge	19 19 2 lengths.
1909	Oxford	19 60 3 lengths.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY
SERVICE.

CHINA'S WAR MINISTER'S
PLANS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, March 24.

General Ying Chang, Chinese Minister to Berlin, who has been appointed to the Ministry of War, in an interview with a representative of the Lokal Anzeiger, said he contemplated introducing universal military service into China in a modified form, and also military training school.

These plans, he said, would doubtless bring him in conflict with the Ministry of Finance, but he nevertheless intended to submit his plans to the Prince Regent, and if the difficulties were insurmountable he should resign.

CHINGCHAU-AIGUN
RAILWAY.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
POLICY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, March 24.

Replying to a series of questions by Sir William Bull in reference to the Chingchau-Aigun Railway, Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated, in the House of Commons, that it was true the Government had been pressed to take an active part and that the United States had asked its support to a scheme, but the Government had been unable to comply, as it was bound to pay some regard to the Anglo-Russian Agreement of 1899. However, to interpret this attitude as running counter to British and American interests was an entire misapprehension.

With reference to the question as to what right Russia and Japan had to interfere, Sir Edward Grey said it was not for His Majesty's Government to admit, to deny or to define the rights of other powers in the matter.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

The thirty-second ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of the General Agents, Poddar Street, today.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Messrs F. Maitland, H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar, consulting committee; A. Rogers, G. K. Hartou, A. Turner, Ho Fuk, Lo Cheung Shiu, Wong Leung Him, S. H. Michael, E. J. Grist, A. Denison, Choa Po Shing, and Mr. J. Barton, secretary.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days you will doubtless agree to follow the usual course and take them as read. When addressing you at our last annual meeting I mentioned that the prospects for the ensuing year appeared to be favourable, and from the accounts which are now presented for your adoption you will note that this forecast has been justified. The result is all the more satisfactory when you take into consideration that at no time of the year was the Bowington refinery working, and that the production at East Point was in the whole considerably below the capacity of that establishment; you will gather therefore that our sales were in volume below the average of some previous years but this was not due so much to a falling off in demand for the refined article but to the fact that in view of the rising markets everywhere we deemed it expedient during the second half of the year to husband our stocks of raw sugar. The purchasing of our supplies of raw is as you are aware a source of continual anxiety and in this particular instance we had expected to receive our usual quantity of low-grade sugar from the Philippines; but in the matter of price there was a big difference between our ideas and those of sellers, which made business prohibitive. Fortunately however we are not altogether dependent upon the Philippines for our supplies of this class of sugar; which we are now obtaining from other sources. Turning to the accounts you will notice that we propose to pay a dividend of 10 per cent, share, amounting to \$200,000, carrying \$10,000 to repairs and renewals account, and placing \$170,000 to credit of equalization of dividend fund.

The expenditure of the past has amply demonstrated the expediency of our policy of transferring large sums to this fund, and in view of the fact that as time goes on competition becomes more severe I have no doubt you will approve of this policy being continued. The repairs and renewals account, instituted in the year 1903 has proved exceedingly advantageous and as we have in view some improvements at East Point which should result in a considerable saving in working expenses I trust you will approve of the proposed application of \$40,000 to this fund as also of the bonus to the staff. A few words about the future will no doubt be appreciated; we have secured the greater portion of this year's requirements of raw sugar which could not now be repeated; the demand for refined is good, and sales are showing a satisfactory margin of profit; if this continues the figures laid before you at the next annual meeting should be satisfactory. There is no further information which occurs to me to give you, but I shall be pleased to answer any questions which you may desire to ask.

There being no questions the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. A. Turner seconded and the motion was carried.

Sir Paul Chater, Messrs E. Shollim, F. Maitland, H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected members of the consulting committee on the motion of Mr. E. J. Grist.

Mr. A. Denison proposed and Mr. A. Rogers seconded and it was agreed to that Messrs W. H. Potts and H. Percy Smith be re-elected auditors.

The Chairman—That is all the business gentlemen, thank you for your attendance.

Owing to the great number of the holidays dividend warrants will not be ready to-day but will be ready on Tuesday.

Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

The twenty-eighth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of the General Agents, Poddar Street, today.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were present Messrs H. P. White, J. W. C. Bonnar, consulting committee; Messrs I. S. Perry, Choa Po Shing, S. H. Michael, Wong Lim Hing, G. C. Moxon, P. Toster, Maurice, F. P. Soares, E. Orniston and Mr. J. Barton, secretary.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days I propose to follow the usual course and take them as read. The report as you will have noticed is a distinct improvement upon those of recent years. You are aware that since the Spanish market was closed to us the difficulty has been to find an outlet for our sugar sufficient to keep the refinery continuously moving and although demand during last year improved it was still impossible to avoid frequent stoppages of the works. We were however able to obtain a fair margin of profit on sales with the result that the balance at debit has been materially reduced. There are signs that as the United States we may expect a gradually improving consumption of the local Government alone now amount to a considerable quantity annually. I therefore we have been unable to supply exactly the quality of sugar required in this direction, but we have recently decided to make some improvements in the machinery which I hope secure us an outlet for a certain quantity of refined monthly thus avoiding the frequent stoppages of the works to which I referred above.

During the summer of 1909 as you are probably aware Free Trade was established between the Philippines and the United States, and at one time we hoped that this might lead to an opening for our sugar in America; but unfortunately it does not seem possible to lay them down in that country at a price which will compete with the local refineries and it appears that we shall

still have to look to the Philippines only for our market, though under improved conditions. If there is no further information desired I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

There being no questions the chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Moxon seconded and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. E. Orniston seconded by Mr. P. Toster, Messrs H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected members of the consulting committee.

Mr. Michael proposed and Mr. Toster seconded and it was agreed to that Mr. A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditor.

The Chairman—That is all the business gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

PREVARICATORS OF THE TRUTH.

Mr. Justice Gompertz gave judgment at the Supreme Court this morning for plaintiff for the amount paid into Court with costs that time after which each side to pay their share to own costs, in the case in which Pong Nai U and Chan Yuk Chun sued Ng Woon Tong to recover \$683.87 for iron supplied to defendant for sale at the price of the amount claimed.

Mr. Reader Harris, for plaintiff, said that surely defendant was entitled to costs after the money had been paid into court.

His Lordship—He came here and told a lot of lies.

Mr. Harris—Your lordship has no evidence that he told lies. I do not think that is sufficient grounds to deprive him of his costs.

His Lordship—You know in these partnership cases there is a lot of wholesale lying. You can disbelieve them but you have no proof to catch them at it.

Mr. Harris—If there was sufficient evidence your lordship should commit him for perjury.

His Lordship gave judgment as stated and \$50 costs for Pong.

HONGKONG AND NEW TERRITORIES EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting.

The sixth anniversary of the above Society took place in Union Church Hall last evening. At the Social Tea, the Birthday Cake was cut and served by Mrs. Hickling.

The annual business meeting was presided over by Rev. C. H. Hickling and opened with prayer by the chairman of Committee, Rev. T. W. Pearce. In the absence (through illness) of Mr. Manderson (Hon. Sec.) the report of the committee was presented by Mr. Naim (Hon. Treas.).

He also made some helpful suggestions arising out of his visits to the Stations.

During a discussion of the reports, which were most encouraging, many further suggestions were made for future development of the work. After the reports had been adopted, the retiring Committee were most cordially thanked, on the motion of Commander Barlow, R.N., for their devoted services.

The following were elected by ballot to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year, viz., Capt. G. B. Mackenzie, Messrs C. Elliott, W. G. Humphreys, E. L. Manderson and A. L. Naim. The officers of Union Church is a member of the committee also, Messrs T. Pearce and A. R. Wells, of the London Mission.

A coronet solo was rendered by Trumpet-Major C. Elliott. An account of his work at Un Loug was given by the Evangelist Wong Shui Fong, and he was followed by Lunt Wan Kay, who described his doings on the newly opened district of Lantau Island. The new worker among the junk and sampan people in Hongkong Harbour was also present. Both the above addresses were interpreted by the indefatigable Superintendent, Rev. A. R. Wells, who proceeded to give a bird's-eye view of the whole enterprise that teams of interest. The closing address was given by Capt. G. B. Mackenzie who dealt with the objections of any who might be out of sympathy at present with missionary operations. His remarks were apt and convincing. Capt. Mackenzie is a distinct addition to the forceful public-speakers of the Colony.

The most successful meeting which the Society has held was closed with prayer and the Doxology.

BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

"A Waltz Dream."

The clever galaxy of talent known as the New No. 1 Bandmann Opera Company still continues to draw crowded houses at the Theatre Royal. Last night they staged "A Waltz Dream," a play whose wealth of witty dialogue and abundance of melodious music have made it most popular wherever it has been performed. Certainly the piece in no way suffered in the capable hands of the artists, who put their whole soul into its happy interpretation. The solos, duets, part songs and choruses were capably rendered, while not an inconsiderable degree of real skill and talent was displayed in the acting. Of course, the humorous situations were made the most of, especially by Mr. Harry Cole as the funny and giddy old King Joachim, and by the bouncing, light-hearted Effi (Miss Wilmet Kakeek), the welder of the big drumstick in the Ladies' Orchestra. Miss Hebe Kneller enhanced her reputation by her graceful handling of the part of the Princess Royal, and Miss Florence Beech as Franz, the virtuous and fascinating conductor of the orchestra, gave unbounded delight with her tuneful songs and clever dances. Others who shone extremely well in their respective parts were Mr. G. V. Arnold, Mr. James McGrath and Mr. G. W. Coyne. The setting of the play was all that could be desired, while the dresses and uniforms were very pretty indeed.

To-night the old favourite, "The Merry Widow" is to be put on.

AN EXCELLENT LINIMENT.

EVERY family and especially those who reside in the country should be provided at all times with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. There is no telling when it may be wanted in case of an accident or emergency. It is most efficient in all cases of rheumatism, sprains and bruises, and is very easily absorbed.

A team match has been arranged between the Y.M.C.A. chess players for Wednesday evening.

SPORTING.

The Calendar.

Saturday, March 23.
Regatta.—Hongkong Regatta. Fenwick's Regatta. Day View, commencing at 1 p.m.
Football.—Replayed Shield final, Bufo Naval Yard; Hongkong Club ground, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, March 25.
Athletics.—Lushan Recreation Club Sports, Happy Valley.
Boxing.—Amateur boxing tournament at Belle View Stadium; commencing 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30.
Athletics.—Buffs—Regimental Sports meeting.

Saturday, April 2.
YACHTING.—Royal H.K. Yacht Club Handicap and One Design Class racing; 2.30 and 2.40 p.m.; distance 10 miles.

Athletics.—Hongkong A.A.A. Annual Sports, Kowloon track.

Football.—Army v. Civilian, Hongkong Football Club ground.

Boxing.—Matches at the V.R.O. ground.

Wednesday, April 6.
Athletics.—R.G.A. sports, U.S.R. ground.

Saturday, April 16.
Racing.—Gymkhana Club's 1st meeting; Racecourse.

Sunday, April 17.
YACHTING.—Royal H.K. Yacht Club Handicap and One Design Class racing; 11.30 and 11.40 a.m.; distance, 12½ miles.

Cricket.

Hongkong "A" v. Civil Service.

The following team will play for Hongkong "A" in their League match with the Civil Service, on the Hongkong Ground on Saturday, play to commence at 2.15 p.m.:—Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Dr. Aubrey, Messrs A. A. Claxton, Hall, Irving, Jacka, Leith, Lang, A. Mackenzie, H. R. Makin and A. N. Other.

The O.S. team will be:—Messrs R. O. Hutchison (Captain), L. E. Brett, R. E. Birch, E. W. Dawson, P. T. Lambie, J. Mackay, J. McEwan, A. G. Pina, A. R. F. Raven, A. R. Sutherland and A. M. Thornhill. Reserve:—A. E. Davey.

Polo.

In connection with the Hongkong Polo tournament the first round took place at Causeway Bay on Wednesday evening between the Navy and the R.A.F. The teams were as follows:—

NAVY.—Commander Lyon, Captain Darby, Captain Fitzherbert and Captain Trewly.

R.A.F.—Captain Brittle, Captain Finch, Captain Loring and Lieutenant Thicknesse.

Artillery had the best of the play and they were not long in registering their first goal. Very soon afterwards the Navy broke away but they were unable to score. Hard riding was the order of the day, and at the conclusion of the game the score was five goals to nil in favour of the Artillery.

The second and third rounds will be played on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The Civilian meet the Artillery, and the "A" Company of the Buffs meet the "B" Company.

Football.

In the replayed final of the Hongkong Football Shield Competition between the Buffs and Naval Yard, the former will be represented by:—Blackie, Cloke, Ruler, Dare, Wren, Cooper, Downs, Brewster, Taylor, Ryan and Barker.

Law Tennis.

Hongkong C.C. Tournament.

Recent results in the above tournament are:—

"A" CLASS DOUBLES.
Second Round.
R. B. Buttle and C. R. Hesse (owe 15/1) beat C. G. Hickling and L. le Breton (owe 4/0) 6/4, 6/2.

F. Maitland and H. Humphreys (owe 15/2) beat W. G. Worgerster and E. J. Grist (owe 1/8) 7/5, 6/2 8/6.

"A" CLASS SINGLES.
Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (owe 15) beat W. F. Brewer (owe 15/2) 6/0, 8/6.

Professional Pair.

Second Round.
Capt. G. T. Briddle and L. T. Whyte (Army) beat M. R. Harris and C. Wilson (Legal) 9/3, 6/4.

"B" CLASS SINGLES.
A. David (owe 15) beat J. Plummer (owe 4/0) 6/2, 6/2.

A. Kempthorne (owe 3/8) beat R. P. Carter (scr.) 6/2, 8/6.

"B" CLASS DOUBLES.
Second Round.
U. E. Shields and A. R. Sutherland (owe 15/4) beat P. H. Holyoak and J. R. Wood (owe 15) 6/1, 6/4.

Y.M.C.A. Club.
A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday at the Watched Tennis ground, when the hosts caught right royally, and made all heartily welcome. The games were very evenly contested and resulted in the odd games in 99 played.

The Y.M.C.A. have invited the Wanchai Club, for Saturday week to play the return match. The following represented Y.M.C.A.:—Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Pong, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Pong. The last round of the tennis tournament will commence on Monday, 28th March.

Association Football.
In the International Association match played at Kilmarnock on March 6th Scotland beat Wales by 1 goal to nil.

Cup Ties.
The fourth round of the Association Cup was played on March 6th with the following results:—

Everton beat Coventry City on the latter's ground by two goals to nil.

Barnsley beat Queen's Park Rangers at Barnsley by 1 goal to nil.

Playing at home, Newcastle United beat Leicester Forest by 3 goals to nil, and Swindon Town beat Manchester City at Swindon by 2 goals to nil.

Chess.
A team match has been arranged between the Y.M.C.A. chess players for Wednesday evening.

Shooting.

The following are the prize-winners for the events at the above meeting and are in addition to those already published.

G. A. SERIES.
500 YARDS.—1st—Bmdr. T. Norman; 2nd—Bmdr. G. Cooper; 3rd—C. S. M. Craigie.

500 YARDS.—1st—Capt. V. L. Bear; 2nd—Gunner Marsh; 3rd—Lieut. Dimmock.

600 YARDS.—1st—Bmdr. Simpson; 2nd—Bmdr. T. Norman; 3rd—Gunner Marsh.

AGONYISTS OF NEW ZEALAND AND 2nd—Capt. V. L. Bear; 3rd—Lieut. Dimmock.

NURSERY COMPETITION.—1st, Bugler Chittell; 2nd, A. B. Kibben; 3rd, Pte. Private H. Russell; 4th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 5th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 6th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 7th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 8th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 9th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 10th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 11th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 12th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 13th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 14th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 15th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 16th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 17th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 18th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 19th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 20th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 21st, Pte. Private H. Russell; 22nd, Pte. Private H. Russell; 23rd, Pte. Private H. Russell; 24th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 25th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 26th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 27th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 28th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 29th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 30th, Pte. Private H. Russell; 31st, Pte. Private H. Russell; 32nd, Pte. Private H. Russell; 33rd, Pte. 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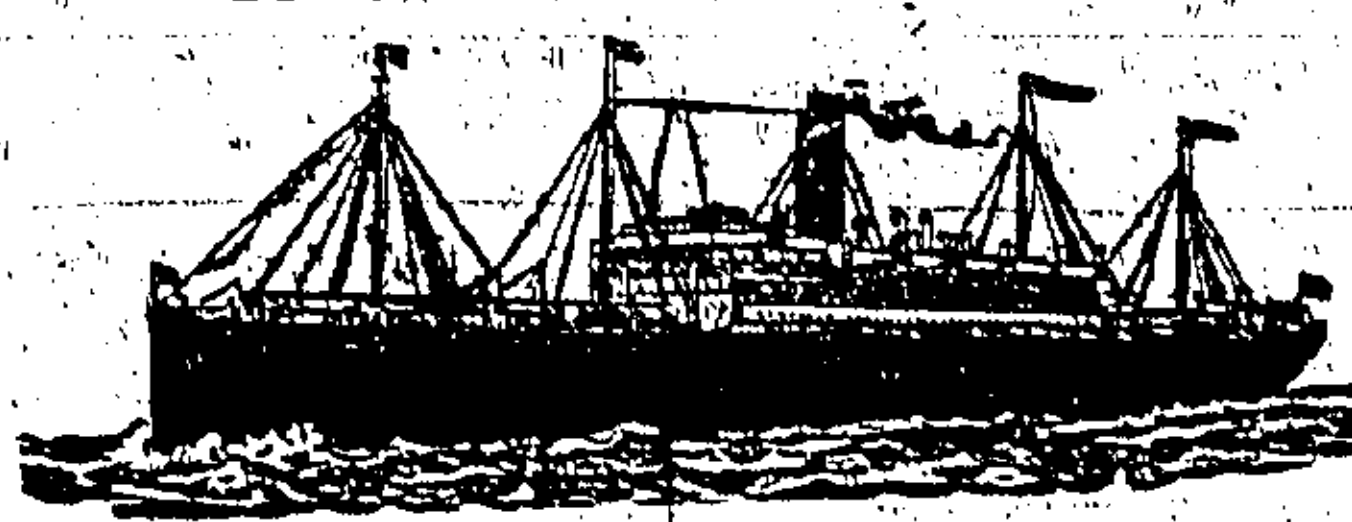
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Mr Hugh Clements writes to the Times—Sunspots are caused by the tide-lifting power of Mercury, Venus, the Earth and Jupiter at an angle of 45° from the poles where the lines joining the centers of the sun and these planets cut the solar surface.

The maximum tide-lifting power of these planets is produced along the curves, drawn with a radius of 350,000 miles from those points which from the known positions of the planets can be located on the sun's face.

Sunspots are always formed at the points on the solar surface where those great tide-lifting curves cut each other and magnetic storms arise whenever the Mercury wave at an angle of 45° passes over a spot formed by two at least of the other three planets.

Jupiter, due mainly to its great mass, has the greatest tide-lifting power on the solar surface, but Venus, due to its comparative nearness to the Sun, possesses a tide-lifting power not much less.

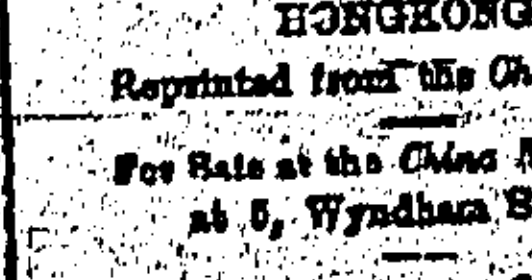
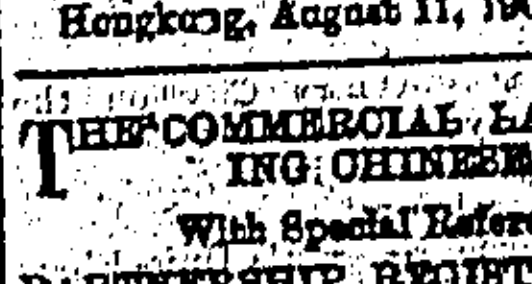
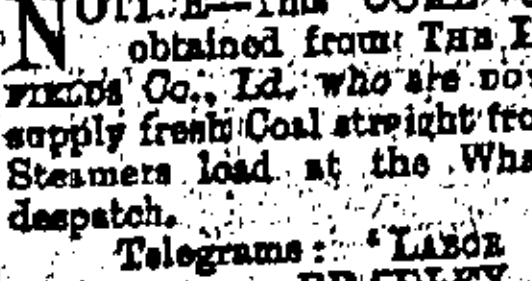
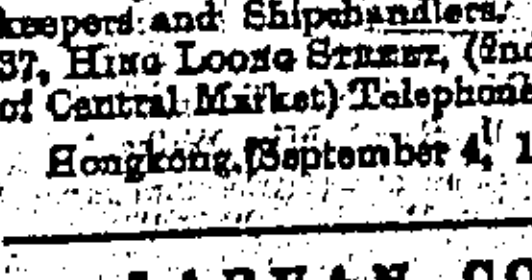
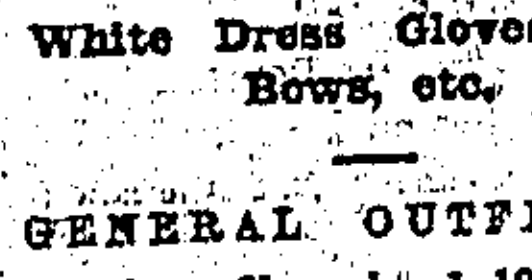
Jupiter and Venus are chiefly concerned in sunspot production so that the average interval between maximum or minimum spots does not follow either but is the difference of the Jupiter period, 11.86 years and the Venus revolution round the sun period of 62 years or 11.24 or 11.1 years. And the variations from 7 to 16 years in the intervals between similar spot phases is due to a combination of the Earth 1 year period and the Mercury period of 24 years or 88 days. Every 45 years there are four average periods of 11 years, but there is no cycle because 45 is not a multiple of the Mercury, Venus and Jupiter periods, and the only cycle is that of 222 years and the proofs is that Maximum and Minimum spots have always been repeated at intervals of that number of years. There will therefore be Minimum spots in 1911 just 222 years after the Maximum spots of 1689, and there will be Maximum spots in 1915 as a repetition of the Maximum spots of 1693.

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